GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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FUNDS FOR DISASTER MANAGEMENT
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any request from the States for releasing the central assistance for disaster management;

(b) if so, the amount sanctioned and released for disaster management to each State of the country during each of the last three years;

(c) the details of the actual expenditure incurred and unspent balance on each disaster in respect of each State of the country;

(d) whether the Government receives information regarding amounts released/ pending for disaster management from State Governments; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SMT. V. RADHIKA SELVI)

(a) to (e) : Financial assistance in the wake of natural calamities is provided through the Schemes of Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) and National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF), which have been formulated based on the recommendations of the Finance Commission.

CRF has been constituted for each State with an allocated amount, based on the recommendations of the Twelfth Finance Commission (TFC). These allocations are not made disaster-wise. The CRF is contributed by the Government of India and the State Government in the ratio of 3:1. The Central share is released in two equal installments: first in the month of June and second in the month of December.

In the event of a calamity of a severe nature, in which the requirement of funds for relief operations is beyond the funds available in the State's CRF account, additional Central assistance is provided from National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF), after following the laid down procedure.

The States of Andhra Pradesh, Orissa, Karnataka, Kerala and Uttar Pradesh have so far submitted memoranda seeking financial assistance in the wake of heavy rains/floods of 2007. These are processed as per the laid down procedure.

Statements showing the allocation and release of Central share of Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) as well as funds released from National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF) during the years 2005-06, 2006-07 and 2007-08 are at Annexure-I and II respectively.

A statement showing reported unspent balances in the CRF accounts of the States as on 1.4.2007, is at Annexure-III.